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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

JIN LIAN CHEN,

Defendant.
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: CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
: OF FORFEITURE AS TO
: SPECIFIC PROPERTY

: 23 Cr. 15 (JHR)

WHEREAS, on or about January 12, 2023, JIN LIAN CHEN (the “Defendant”),
was charged in a one-count Information, 23 Cr 15 (JHR) (the “Information”), with conspiracy to
commit money laundering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h)
(Count One);

WHEREAS, the Information included a forfeiture allegation as to Count One of the
Information, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code,
Section 982(a)(1), any and all property, real and personal, involved in the offense charged in Count
One of the Information, or any property traceable to such property, including but not limited to a
sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of property involved in the
offense charged in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, on or about June 26, 2023, the Defendant pled guilty to Count One of
the Information, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant
admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count One of the Information and agreed to forfeit
to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), *inter alia*, a sum
of money equal to \$34,043 in United States currency representing property involved in the offense
charged in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, on or about June 26, 2023, the Court imposed a Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment imposing a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$34,043 in United States currency against the Defendant (the “Money Judgment”) (D.E. 38);

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the forfeiture of all her right, title and interest in \$105,297 in United States currency seized by the Government from 4906 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on or about April 27, 2022 (the “Specific Property”) which constitutes the property involved in the offense charged in Count One of the Information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(g), and Rules 32.2(b)(3), and 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government is now entitled, pending any assertion of third-party claims, to reduce the Specific Property to its possession and to notify any and all persons who reasonably appear to be a potential claimant of their interest herein;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Daniel G. Nessim of counsel, and the Defendant, and her counsel, James Roland Costo, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information, to which the Defendant pled guilty, all of the Defendant’s right, title and interest in the Specific Property is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property is final as to the Defendant, JIN

LIAN CHEN, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property, the United States (or its designee) is hereby authorized to take possession of the Specific Property and to hold such property in its secure custody and control.

4. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the United States is permitted to publish forfeiture notices on the government internet site, www.forfeiture.gov. This site incorporates the forfeiture notices that have been traditionally published in newspapers. The United States forthwith shall publish the internet ad for at least thirty (30) consecutive days. Any person, other than the Defendant, claiming interest in the Specific Property must file a Petition within sixty (60) days from the first day of publication of the Notice on this official government internet web site, or no later than thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

5. The published notice of forfeiture shall state that the petition (i) shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the Specific Property, (ii) shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and (iii) shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the Specific Property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the Specific Property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n).

6. Pursuant to 32.2 (b)(6)(A) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government shall send notice to any person who reasonably appears to be a potential claimant with standing to contest the forfeiture in the ancillary proceeding.

7. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture with respect to the Specific Property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed. All Specific Property forfeited to the United States under a Final Order of Forfeiture or Declaration of Administrative Forfeiture shall be applied towards the satisfaction of the Money Judgment

8. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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9. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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SO ORDERED:

Jennifer H. Rearden
HONORABLE JENNIFER H. REARDEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

11/30/23
DATE